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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors and Principals

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Role of Intermediate School Districts for the Great Start Readiness
Program for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is in the process of developing guidance for the field regarding the changes to the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) authorized under PA 62 of 2011. Legislation requires funding to be distributed to intermediate school districts (ISDs) and ISD consortia that will act as fiduciaries to distribute funds to school districts/public school academies (PSAs) and GSRP competitive agencies for fiscal year 2011-2012. For the full text of the legislation, please visit:

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(p0l2lc45resyogbdlxapr55\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2011-HB-4325](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(p0l2lc45resyogbdlxapr55))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2011-HB-4325).

The MDE has developed a survey for all current GSRP grantees and ISDs/PSAs and local education agencies (LEAs) to inform our logistical planning so that funding continues to flow on an uninterrupted basis and appropriate technical assistance documents can be created. Please share the survey with relevant staff. Your thoughtful responses will assist the MDE in creating flexible guidance within the framework identified in PA 62 of 2011. Click on the following survey link <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CMYB3ARJP/> to complete and submit the survey by Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

In addition, the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators will host an informational meeting at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center in East Lansing on Thursday, August 18, 2011. MDE staff will provide detailed information to ISD Superintendents, fiscal staff, and early childhood staff regarding the process for receiving and distributing GSRP funds for 2011-2012. Current GSRP grantees will receive additional information when allocations are announced.

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cc: Michigan Education Alliance